The residence of Mr. T. P. Venkitarama Ayyar, Talappalli Taluk Salt Inspector with his family in the Office Building.

Mr. M. K. RAMAN.

195. Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Talappalli Taluk Salt Inspector, Mr. T. P. Venkitarama Ayyar, is living with his family in his office at Vadakkancheri?

If so, is any rent realised from him? Are there complaints from the shop-keepers and others that they cannot approach the office on account of the Inspector's residing there?

Mr. V. B. VAIDYANATHA AYYAR.

The Inspector is living in an extension specially added at his request by the owner to the building in which the office is located.

The Inspector is paying rent to the owner of the building. No such complaints have been received.

Tenders for the supply of salt.

Mr. M. K. RAMAN.

196. Will the Government be pleased to answer the following:—

(1) Were tenders for the supply of salt during the years of 1101 and 1102 publicly invited, or was it done through any confidential communication by the Superintendent to the Government?

(2) To whom was the contract given? And on what terms?

Have the Government enquired whether there were other proper persons in the State who were prepared to take this contract on terms more profitable to the Government?

(3) Were any remissions allowed to the Salt Contractor, Mr. A. M. A. Arunachalam Chettiar, during the years 1098, 1099 and 1100 towards the duty on transit wastages of salt? If so, what were the respective amounts?

Mr. V. B. VAIDYANATHA AYYAR.

(1) Neither.

(2) Mr. A. M. A. Murugappa Chettiar; for the terms vide Appendix IX.

No enquiry was made, as it was found unnecessary.

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